#### IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BIDDING VENDOR AND MANUFACTURER

(Please submit this letter to manufacturer)

RE: Police and Homeland Security Equipment & Supplies Term Contract T-0106 04-X-37015

#### Dear Manufacturer:

The State of New Jersey is currently procuring the new term contract for all Police Equipment and Supplies to be used by State offices and local government entities.

In order to evaluate bid submissions of various resellers, the State requires an official price list(s) of your products which include product numbers, pricing, and product descriptions, as per Section 4.4.3.1 and 4.4.3.2 of the RFP. The price list must be in effect prior to the bid opening date shown on the front page of the RFP and/or addendum. All correspondence must be sent to:

New Jersey Purchase Bureau Sharon E. Overton 33 West State St., PO Box 230 Trenton, NJ 08625 (609) 292-8677

Price lists and contact information must be received prior to the bid opening date shown on the front page of the above referenced RFP. Instructions in the RFP advise the following: "if a price list is not received prior to the bid opening date, that product line will not be awarded." Therefore, it is imperative that you submit the required information.

Sincerely,

Sharon E. Overton Purchase Bureau



JAMES E. MCGREEVEY

Governor

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY
PURCHASE BUREAU

P.O. Box 230 Trenton, NJ 08625-0230 JOHN E. MCCORMAC, CPA State Treasurer

DATE: October 4, 2004

TO: All Potential Bidders

**RE:** RFP #: **05-X-37015** 

POLICE AND HOMELAND SECURITY EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

"DOWNLOADABLE FROM INTERNET"

Enclosed please find a complete set of bid documents for the above referenced solicitation.

The following are the key dates for the project:

Date	Time	Event
06/24/04	2:00 PM	Bid Submission Due Date

All questions concerning the RFP contents and the bidding process must be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

## **Sharon Overton Administrative Analyst 2**

E-Mail Address: <a href="mailto:sharon.overton@treas.state.nj.us">sharon.overton@treas.state.nj.us</a>

Phone: 609-292-8677 Fax: 609-292-0490

# ATTENTION VENDORS Vendor Information and Bidding Opportunities

The Purchase Bureau maintains a bidders mailing list. You as a vendor may have basic information about your firm added to the bidders mailing list by visiting our website at <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms/forms.htm">http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/forms/forms.htm</a> and submitting a bidders mailing list application online. You may also download the application and instructions and submit the application by mail. Applications submitted online are processed more quickly than mailed applications.

A bidders mailing list application gives you the opportunity to identify yourself as a potential bidder for the types of goods and services that your firm provides. The Purchase Bureau attempts (but does not guarantee) to provide firms on the bidders mailing list with notice of bidding opportunities related to the goods and services identified in the application.

If you are already on the Purchase Bureau's bidders mailing list and you need to change your information, contact Bid List Management at (609) 984-5396.

Note: If you are an awarded State contractor and payments are not being directed to your proper remit-to address, you must send a letter on company letterhead to the Office Of Management and Budget, Vendor Control Unit, PO Box 221, Trenton, NJ 08625 or fax that letter to 609-292-4882. In the letter you must include the current incorrect remit to address and your new correct remit-to address. If you have any questions about this process you may call (609) 292-8124 for more information.

#### STATE OF NEW JERSEY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

FOR: POLICE & HOMELAND SECURITY **EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES** "DOWNLOADABLE FROM INTERNET"

TERM CONTRACT #: T0106

REQUESTING AGENCY: STATEWIDE

ESTIMATED AMOUNT: \$5,000,000,00

CONTRACT EFFECTIVE DATE: 08/01/04

CONTRACT EXPIRATION DATE: 07/31/06

COOPERATIVE PURCHASING: ATTACHMENT 4

**DIRECT QUESTIONS CONCERNING THIS RFP TO:** 

BID NUMBER: 05-X-37015

SHARON OVERTON

PHONE NUMBER: 609-292-8677 FAX NUMBER: 609-292-0490

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		Address:
Firm Name:		

#### PURSUANT TO N.J.S.A. 52:34 - 12 AND N.J.A.C. 17:12 - 2.2. PROPOSALS WHICH FAIL TO CONFORM WITH THE FOLLOWING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE AUTOMATICALLY REJECTED:

- 1) PROPOSALS MUST BE RECEIVED AT OR BEFORE THE PUBLIC OPENING TIME OF 2 PM ON \_\_\_\_06/24/04\_ AT THE FOLLOWING PLACE: DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY, PURCHASE BUREAU, PO BOX-230, 33 WEST STATE STREET, 9TH FLOOR, TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625-0230. TELEPHONE, TELEFACSIMILE OR TELEGRAPH PROPOSALS WILL NOT BE
- THE BIDDER MUST SIGN THE PROPOSAL.
- THE PROPOSAL MUST INCLUDE ALL PRICE INFORMATION. PROPOSAL PRICES SHALL INCLUDE DELIVERY OF ALL ITEMS, F.O.B. DESTINATION OR AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED. PRICE QUOTES MUST BE FIRM THROUGH ISSUANCE OF CONTRACT.
- ALL PROPOSAL PRICES MUST BE TYPED OR WRITTEN IN INK.
- ALL CORRECTIONS, WHITE-OUTS, ERASURES, RESTRIKING OF TYPE, OR OTHER FORMS OF ALTERATION, OR THE APPEARANCE OF ALTERATION, TO UNIT AND/OR TOTAL PRICES MUST BE INITIALED IN INK BY THE BIDDER.
- THE BIDDER MUST SUBMIT WITH THE PROPOSAL BID SECURITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$ NONE OR NONE %. CHECK THE TYPE OF BID SECURITY SUPPLIED:

ANNUAL BID BOND ON FILE:	BID BOND ATTACHED:
CERTIFIED OR CASHIERS CHECK ATTACH	ED: LETTER OF CREDIT ATTACHED:

- THE BIDDER MUST COMPLETE AND SUBMIT, PRIOR TO THE SUBMISSION OF THE PROPOSAL, OR ACCOMPANYING THE PROPOSAL, THE ATTACHED OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM. (SEE N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2). SEE ATTACHMENT 1
- THE BIDDER MUST ATTEND THE MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE(S) AND SITE VISIT(S) AT THE FOLLOWING DATE(S) AND TIME(S): PRE-BID CONFERENCE: N/A SITE INSPECTION: \_\_\_\_N/A\_\_\_

#### ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

- 9) PERFORMANCE SECURITY: \$\_\_NONE OR\_\_NONE\_ %
- 10) PAYMENT RETENTION: 00%
- 11) AN AFFIRMATION ACTION FORM (ATTACHMENT 3 OF RFP)
- 12) A MACBRIDE PRINCIPALS CERTIFICATION (ATTACHMENT 2 OF RFP)
- 13) REQUESTED DELIVERY: 30 DAYS FROM RECEIPT OF ORDER.
- 14) CERTIFICATION OR NOTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE IF A FOREIGN (NON-NJ) CORPORATION, IF NECESSARY (SEE N.J.S.A 14A:13-1 ET SEQ. AND N.J.A.C. 17:12-2.12).
- 15) FOR SET ASIDE CONTRACTS ONLY, N.J. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE CERTIFICATION OF REGISTRATION AS A SMALL BUSINESSES (SEE N.J.A.C. 17:13-3.1 & 13.3.2).

#### TO BE COMPLETED BY BIDDER 16) DELIVERY CAN BE MADE\_\_\_\_\_ DAYS OR \_\_\_\_\_ WEEKS AFTER RECEIPT OF ORDER. 19) BIDDER FAX NO. \_\_\_\_\_ 20) BIDDER E-MAIL ADDRESS. \_ 21) BIDDER FEDERAL ID NO. 22) YOUR BID REFERENCE NO. SIGNATURE OF THE BIDDER ATTESTS THAT THE BIDDER HAS READ, UNDERSTANDS, AND AGREES TO ALL TERMS, CONDITIONS, AND SPECIFICATIONS SET FORTH

IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, INCLUDING ALL ADDENDA, FURTHERMORE, SIGNATURE BY THE BIDDER SIGNIFIES THAT THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL AND THE RESPONSIVE PROPOSAL CONSTITUTES A CONTRACT IMMEDIATELY UPON NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF THE PROPOSAL BY THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY FOR ANY OR ALL OF THE ITEMS BID. AND FOR THE LENGTH OF TIME INDICATED IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, FAILURE TO ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WITHIN THE TIME PERIOD INDICATED IN THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL, OR FAILURE TO HOLD PRICES OR TO MEET ANY OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS DEFINED IN EITHER THE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL OR THE PROPOSAL DURING THE TERM OF THE CONTRACT, SHALL CONSTITUTE A BREACH AND MAY RESULT IN SUSPENSION OR DEBARMENT FROM FURTHER STATE BIDDING. A DEFAULTING CONTRACTOR MAY ALSO BE LIABLE, AT THE OPTION OF THE STATE, FOR THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE CONTRACT PRICE AND THE PRICE BID BY AN ALTERNATE VENDOR OF THE GOODS OR SERVICES IN ADDITION TO OTHER REMEDIES

AVAILABLE.	
23) ORIGINAL SIGNATURE OF BIDDER	24) NAME OF FIRM
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25) PRINT/TYPE NAME AND TITLE	26) DATE



Bid Number: 04-X-37015

#### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR:**

#### POLICE AND HOMELAND SECURITY EQUIPMENT & SUPPLIES

Date Issued: 10/4/04

Purchasing Agency
State of New Jersey
Department of the Treasury
Division of Purchase and Property
Purchase Bureau, PO Box 230
33 West State Street
Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0230

<u>Using Agency</u> State of New Jersey Cooperative Purchasing Members

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#### 1.0 INFORMATION FOR BIDDERS

#### 1.1 PURPOSE AND INTENT

This Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued by the Purchase Bureau, Division of Purchase and Property, Department of the Treasury, on behalf of the State Agencies, primarily the State Police. The purpose of this RFP is to solicit bid proposals for Police and Homeland Security Equipment & Supplies.

The intent of this RFP is to award contracts to those responsible bidders whose bid proposals, conforming to this RFP are most advantageous to the State, price and other factors considered.

The Standard Terms & Conditions, <u>Appendix 1</u> of this RFP, will apply to all contracts or purchase agreements made with the State of New Jersey. These terms are in addition to the terms and conditions set forth in this RFP and should be read in conjunction with same unless the RFP specifically indicates otherwise.

The State intends to extend the contract[s] awarded to the Purchase Bureau's cooperative purchasing partners. These partners include quasi-state agencies, counties, municipalities, school districts, volunteer fire departments, first aid squads, independent institutions of higher learning, County colleges and State colleges.

Although the State, with the assent of the vendor(s), is making the use of any contract resulting from this RFP available to non-State Agencies, the State makes no representation as to the acceptability of any State RFP terms and conditions under the Local Public Contracts Law or any other enabling statute or regulation.

#### 1.2 BACKGROUND

This is a reprocurement of the Police Equipment & Supplies term contract, presently due to expire on July 31, 2004. Vendors who are interested in the current contract specifications and pricing information are encouraged to visit the Purchase Bureau's website on the World Wide Web. The applicable "T" reference number for this lookup is T-0106. The exact WWW address is <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/contracts.htm">http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/purchase/contracts.htm</a>

Qualified brands lines have been established for eleven (11) categories of police and homeland security equipment and supplies. Information supporting the establishment of the qualified manufacturer brand lines for the eleven (11) categories of police equipment and supplies was obtained from the State's record of purchases and surveys sent to local police departments. These will be the only manufacturer's brands of police equipment and supplies that will be part of this year's contract.

The following applies to all Using Agencies utilizing this contract:

All purchases made by Using Agencies under this contract should be reported to the Division of Purchase and Property, Purchase Bureau, by the Using Agencies themselves. Information should include the following:

- 1. Category (examples: firearms, ammunition, etc.)
- 2. Manufacturer's brand name
- 3. Dollars spent
- 4. Detailed reason for purchasing this brand

Quarterly Reports should be sent to the buyer quarterly throughout the contract year.

Failure on the part of Using Agencies, both State and local, to provide this information could result in the removal of brands from the next bidding cycle. The State Purchase Bureau will review the brands listed on the current bid pricing sheets in the next bidding cycle to determine if any brands should be deleted.

Likewise, State and local agencies are advised to notify the State Purchase Bureau if there are additional brands, not a part hereof, that should be added in the next bidding cycle. Any Using Agency requesting the addition of a particular brand in a category of police equipment and supplies must provide information justifying such additional brands, along with the estimated dollar amount the Using Agency plans to spend if the brand is added.

#### 1.3 KEY EVENTS

#### 1.3.1 QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES

It is the policy of the Purchase Bureau to accept questions and inquiries from all vendors. Written questions should be mailed, e-mailed or faxed to the Purchase Bureau to the attention of the assigned Purchase Bureau buyer at the following address:

Attn: Sharon Overton State of New Jersey Division of Purchase and Property Purchase Bureau PO Box 230 Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0230

E- Mail: sharon.overton@treas.state.nj.us

Fax Number: 609-292-8677 Phone Number: 609-292-0490

After the submission of bid proposals, unless requested by the State, contact with the State is limited to status inquiries only and such inquiries are only to be directed to the buyer. Any further contact or information about the proposal to the buyer or any other State official connected with the solicitation will be considered an impermissible supplementation of the bidder's bid proposal.

#### 1.3.1.1 QUESTION PROTOCOL

Questions should be submitted in writing to the attention of the assigned Purchase Bureau buyer. Written questions should be directly tied to the RFP by the writer. Questions should be asked in consecutive order, from beginning to end, following the organization of the RFP. Each question should begin by referencing the RFP page number and section number to which it relates.

Short procedural inquiries may be accepted by telephone by the Purchase Bureau buyer, however, oral explanations or instructions given over the telephone shall not be binding on the State. Vendors shall not contact the Using Agency directly, in person, or by telephone, concerning this RFP.

#### 1.3.1.2 CUT-OFF DATE FOR QUESTIONS AND INQUIRIES

The cut-off date for questions and inquiries relating to this RFP is ten (10) working days before the original bid opening date.

#### 1.4 ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

#### 1.4.1 REVISIONS TO THIS RFP

In the event it becomes necessary to clarify or revise this RFP, such clarification or revision will be by addendum.

## ALL RFP ADDENDA WILL BE ISSUED ON THE PRUCHASE BUREAU WEB SITE. TO ACESS ADDENDA THE BIDDER MUST SELECT THE BID NUMBER ON THE PURCHASE BUREAU BIDDING OPPORTUNITIES WEB PAGE AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

#### HTT://WWW.STATE.NJ.US/TREASURY/PURCHASE/BID/SUMMARY/BID.SHTML.

There are no designated dates for release of addenda. Therefore, interested bidders should check the Purchase Bureau "Bidding Opportunities" website on a daily basis from time of RFP issuance through bid opening.

It is the sole responsibility of the bidder to be knowledgeable of all addenda related to this procurement.

#### 1.4.2 ADDENDUM AS A PART OF THIS REP

Any addendum to this RFP shall become part of this RFP and part of any contract awarded as a result of this RFP.

#### 1.4.3 ISSUING OFFICE

This RFP is issued by the Purchase Bureau, Division of Purchase and Property. The buyer noted in Section 1.3.1 is the sole point of contact between the vendor and the State for purposes of this RFP.

#### 1.4.4 BIDDER RESPONSIBILITY

The bidder assumes sole responsibility for the complete effort required in submitting a bid proposal in response to this RFP. No special consideration will be given after bid proposals are opened because of a bidder's failure to be knowledgeable as to all of the requirements of this RFP. By submitting a bid proposal in response to this RFP, the bidder represents that it has satisfied itself, from its own investigation, as to all of the requirements of this RFP.

#### 1.4.5 COST LIABILITY

The State assumes no responsibility and bears no liability for costs incurred by a bidder in the preparation and submittal of a bid proposal in response to this RFP.

#### 1.4.6 CONTENTS OF BID PROPOSAL

The entire content of every bid proposal will be publicly opened and will become a matter of public record. This is the case notwithstanding any statement to the contrary made by a bidder in its bid proposal. All bid proposals, as public records, are available for public inspection. Interested parties can make an appointment to inspect bid proposals received in response to this RFP by contacting the Purchase Bureau buyer.

#### 1.4.7 PRICE ALTERATION

Bid prices must be typed or written in ink. Any price change (including "white-outs") must be initialed. Failure to initial price changes shall preclude a contract award being made to the bidder.

#### 1.4.8 JOINT VENTURE

If a joint venture is submitting a bid proposal, the agreement between the parties relating to such joint venture should be submitted with the joint venture's bid proposal. Authorized signatories from each party comprising the joint venture must sign the bid proposal. A separate Ownership Disclosure Form, Affirmative Action Employee Information Report, MacBride Principles Certification and business registration must be supplied by each party to the joint venture.

1.5 The bidder's signature guarantees that prices set forth within the manufacturer's preprinted price lists and/or catalogs will govern for the period of the contract. The bidder also acknowledges that, notwithstanding any reference to price escalation clauses, fob shipping point, and shipping charges contained in the preprinted price lists, catalogs, and/or literature, such references shall not be part of any State contract awarded as a result of this RFP.

#### 1.6 NOTICE TO BIDDERS (IMPORTANT, PLEASE READ)

- 1.6.1 It is essential that you read Sections <u>4.4.3.1</u> and <u>4.4.3.2</u> of this RFP. Failure to understand the terms for bid price evaluation may result in rejection of your bid. All bids will be evaluated utilizing the same official price list(s) for each brand of equipment in each category.
- 1.6.2 Important See cover letter attached with this RFP. Please make a copy for your records and forward a copy to your manufacturer, immediately.

#### 2.0 DEFINITIONS

#### 2.1 GENERAL DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall be part of any contract awarded or order placed as result of this RFP.

Addendum - Written clarification or revision to this RFP issued by the Purchase Bureau.

**Amendment** - A change in the scope of work to be performed by the contractor. An amendment is not effective until signed by the Director, Division of Purchase and Property.

**Bidder** – A vendor submitting a bid proposal in response to this RFP.

**Contract** - This RFP, any addendum to this RFP, the bidder's bid proposal submitted in response to this RFP and the Division's Notice of Acceptance.

Contractor - The contractor is the bidder awarded a contract.

**Director** - Director, Division of Purchase and Property, Department of the Treasury. By statutory authority, the Director is the chief contracting officer for the State of New Jersey.

**Division** - The Division of Purchase and Property.

May - Denotes that which is permissible, but not mandatory.

**Request for Proposal (RFP)** - This document, which establishes the bidding and contract requirements and solicits bid proposals to meet the purchase needs of [the] Using Agency[ies], as identified herein.

**Shall or Must** - Denotes that which is a mandatory requirement. Failure to meet a mandatory requirement will result in the rejection of a bid proposal, as materially non-responsive.

**Should** - Denotes that which is recommended, but not mandatory.

State - State of New Jersey

#### 3.0 COMMODITY DESCRIPTION/SCOPE OF WORK

Categories of police equipment and corresponding price line item numbers included in this RFP are as follows:

CATEGORY 1 - Ammunition (New) - All Calibers And Types (Price Lines 00001 - 00017)

Note: Price Line 00018 Is For Brass Allowance

<u>CATEGORY 2</u> - Firearms - Shotguns, Rifles, Handguns (Price Lines 00019 - 00030)

CATEGORY 3 - Firearms - Repair Parts (Price Lines 00031 - 00043)

**CATEGORY 4** - Firearm Accessories (Price Lines 00044 - 00080)

<u>CATEGORY 5</u> - Submachine Guns/Machine Guns (Price Lines 00081 - 00084)

<u>CATEGORY 6</u> - Submachine Guns/Machine Guns, Repair Parts/Accessories (Price Lines 00085 - 00089)

<u>CATEGORY 7</u> - Leather/Nylon Goods (Price Lines 00090 - 00104)

**CATEGORY 8** - Riot Control Equipment (Price Lines 00105 - 00129)

CATEGORY 9 - Police Protection Equipment, Body Armor (Price Lines 00130 - 00142)

CATEGORY 10 - Audible/Visual Emergency Signal Systems (Price Lines 00143 - 00151)

#### CATEGORY 11 - Homeland Security (Price Lines 00153 - 00266)

Air Monitoring Equipment, Biological Detection Equipment, Chemical Biological Detection Equipment, Containment, Equipment, Decontamination Equipment, Personal Protection Clothing & Equipment, Radiation Equipment, and Sampling Equipment

Note: For Category 10 only, there is an additional line (152) for the bidder to submit the hourly labor rate for the installation of audible and visual emergency signal systems. Bidders may enter their hourly labor rate on the designated price line only if providing this service. If not, bidders are not required to submit a price for hourly labor. This line item will only be awarded to bidders that are awarded price line(s) for the equipment.

Line 18 (Brass Allowance) – provides Using Agencies a dollar value to trade-in spent shells.

Note: Bidders are permitted to bid on any of the manufacturer brand lines in each category that are identified on the bid pricing sheets. As noted under Section 1.2 of this RFP, no other brand lines will be awarded.

#### 3.1 CURRENT PRODUCTION ITEMS

- 3.1.1 Contractors must provide new, current production items.
- 3.1.2 Contractors are cautioned that surplus, seconds, factory rejects, closeout or distressed items are not acceptable and, if furnished, will be rejected. The delivery of substandard items may result in cancellation of the contract in whole or in part.
- 3.1.3 Contractors must guarantee that only the manufacturer's brands, as sold to the wholesale and retail trade, will be furnished. Failure to comply with this requirement of the contract will be cause for termination of the contract in whole or in part with the contractor responsible for any and all additional costs incurred by the Using Agencies as a result of such termination.

#### 3.2 MANUFACTURERS' CATALOGS AND PRICE LISTS

Contractors shall furnish each Using Agency of the State with sufficient quantities of catalogs and price lists, as requested, and shall also furnish related supplementary information as often as necessary during the term of the contract. These catalogs and price lists shall be those on which the bid proposal was based.

#### 3.3 DELIVERY

- 3.3.1 All deliveries are to be F.O.B. destination. The contractor shall be responsible for the delivery of material in first class condition at the point of delivery, and in accordance with good commercial practice.
- 3.3.2 Bidders shall furnish, in the space provided on page one of this RFP, the time required for delivery from receipt of order. The Using Agency must be notified at least forty-eight hours in advance of shipment so that necessary arrangements can be made. The bidder must be able to make delivery to all parts of the state.
- 3.3.3 Contractor deliveries for all items shall be made at such time and in such quantities as ordered and in strict accordance with the instructions from the Using Agency.
- 3.3.4 Brand(s) delivered must be strictly in accordance with those bid upon.

#### 3.3.5 PACKAGING & SHIPPING

- 3.3.5.1 Packaging shall be such as to protect the items adequately and to insure safe shipment.
- 3.3.5.2 Shipping cases shall be marked to show the name of the supplier, name and address of receiving agency and State purchase order number.
- 3.3.6 Each unit delivered is to be completely assembled, thoroughly serviced and ready for use when delivered to the Using Agency.

#### 3.4 SHOP REPAIR MANUALS

The contractor shall supply a complete shop repair manual, parts manual, service manual and operator's manual at the time of delivery on items requiring them. In addition, operational instructions are to be provided, if requested by the Using Agency.

#### 3.5 WARRANTY

All units are to carry the standard manufacturer's warranty and/or guarantee. A copy of this warranty and/or guarantee is to accompany the unit when delivered. All repairs and replacement under the warranty are to be at no charge for parts, service and labor to the Using Agency.

During the warranty period, if the item supplied is not giving satisfactory performance or requires an excessive amount of remedial maintenance, defined as two or more recalls to fix one same problem, the contractor, after written notice by the Using Agency that such a situation exists, shall remove and replace the defective unit as per the original specification within ten (10) days of such notice at no cost to the Using Agency. Failure to comply may result in the unit being canceled and the item supplied by an alternate bidder with the differential in price being paid by the defaulting contractor.

- 3.6 All prices shall be net FOB destination to all NJ State Agencies and local governments and be firm and not subject to increase during the period of the contract. Escalation clauses will not be accepted.
- 3.7 In the event of manufacturer's price decrease during the contract period, Using Agencies shall receive the full benefit of such price reduction on any subsequently placed purchase order. The Director must be notified in writing of any price reduction within five (5) days of the effective date.

#### 3.8 FEDERAL EXCISE TAX

The State is not subject to any Federal Excise Tax (FET). (See Para. 4.4 of the State's Standard Terms and Conditions). All pricing submitted for ammunition and firearms, without the Federal Excise Tax, must be based on the dealer/distributor without Federal Excise Tax column of the price list, since the State does not pay F.E.T. (See Section 4.4.3.1 of this RFP.)

#### 3.9 LICENSING REQUIREMENTS

All bidders shall comply with the New Jersey Code of Criminal Justice, Firearms and Weapons Law Section N.J.S.A. 2c:39-1 Para. I and N.J.S.A. 2c:58-2.

#### 4.0 PROPOSAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSION

#### 4.1 GENERAL

The bidder must follow instructions contained in this RFP and on the bid cover sheet in preparing and submitting its bid proposal. The bidder is advised to thoroughly read and follow all instructions.

The first page (face) of this RFP shall be signed by an authorized representative of the bidder. However, if the bidder is a limited partnership, the first page (face) of this RFP must be signed by a general partner. If the bidder is a joint venture, the first page (face) of this RFP must be signed by a principal of each party to the joint venture. Failure to comply will result in rejection of the bid proposal.

Pricing and information sheets must be completed in their entirety. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in rejection of the bid proposal.

No changes or white outs will be permitted on the specification sheets, unless each change is initialed and dated in ink by the bidder.

#### 4.2 PROPOSAL DELIVERY AND IDENTIFICATION

In order to be considered, a bid proposal must arrive at the Purchase Bureau in accordance with the instructions on the RFP cover sheet. Bidders are cautioned to allow adequate delivery time to ensure timely delivery of bid proposals. State regulation mandates that late bid proposals are ineligible for consideration. THE EXTERIOR OF ALL BID PROPOSAL PACKAGES MUST BE LABELED WITH THE BID IDENTIFICATION NUMBER, FINAL BID OPENING DATE AND THE BUYER'S NAME. (See RFP cover sheet).

#### 4.3 NUMBER OF BID PROPOSAL COPIES

Each bidder must submit **one (1) complete ORIGINAL bid proposal**, clearly marked as the "ORIGINAL" bid proposal. Each bidder should submit **one (1) full, complete and exact copy** of the original. The copies requested are necessary in the evaluation of the bid proposal. Bidders failing to provide the requested number of copies will be charged the cost incurred by the State in producing the requested number of copies. It is suggested that the bidder make and retain a copy of its bid proposal.

#### 4.4 PROPOSAL CONTENT

The bid proposal should be submitted as follows:

Section 1 - Forms (Section 4.4.1)

CONTENTS	RFP SECTION REFERENCE	COMMENTS
	Cover sheet	Completed and signed cover sheet (Page 3 of this RFP)
	<u>4.4.1.1</u>	Ownership Disclosure Form (Attachment 1)
Forms	<u>4.4.1.2</u>	MacBride Principles Certification (Attachment 2)
Tomis	<u>4.4.1.3</u>	Affirmative Action Employee Information Report or New Jersey Affirmative Action Certificate (Attachment 3)
	Appendix 1 - 1.1 of the Standard Terms & Conditions	Business Registration from Division of Revenue

#### 4.4.1.1 OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM

In the event the bidder is a corporation or partnership, the bidder must complete the attached Ownership Disclosure Form. A completed Ownership Disclosure Form must be received prior to or accompany the bid proposal. Failure to do so will preclude the award of a contract.

The Ownership Disclosure Form is attached as Attachment 1 to this RFP.

#### 4.4.1.2 MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES CERTIFICATION

The bidder must complete the attached MacBride Principles Certification evidencing compliance with the MacBride Principles. Failure to do so may result in the award of the contract to another vendor.

The MacBride Principles Certification Form is attached as Attachment 2 to this RFP

#### 4.4.1.3 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION

The bidder must complete the attached Affirmative Action Employee Information Report, or, in the alternative, supply either a New Jersey Affirmative Action Certificate or evidence that the bidder is operating under a Federally approved or sanctioned affirmative action program. The requirement is a precondition to entering into a State contract.

The Affirmative Action Forms are attached as Attachment 3 to this RFP

#### 4.4.1.4 SET ASIDE CONTRACTS

Not Applicable to this RFP.

#### 4.4.1.5 BID BOND

Not Applicable to this RFP

#### 4.4.2 SUBMITTALS

#### 4.4.2.1 DISCLOSURE OF PRODUCT COMPOSITION

If requested by the State, the bidder must furnish material safety data sheets (MSDS) or manufacturers' equivalent information sheets on the products and/or chemicals used in performing the services specified in this RFP, during the bid evaluation process. These sheets must list complete chemical ingredients including the percentage composition of each ingredient in the mixture down to 0.1%, and the chemical abstract services numbers for those substances listing any potentially hazardous products, which may produce gas during or following application. Failure to provide MSDS sheets when requested during the bid evaluation process will result in rejection of the bid for that particular product(s).

#### 4.4.2.2 BIDDER DATA SHEET

The bidder must provide all of the information requested. The bidder may provide its response on a separate attachment but should clearly note here that it is doing so:

1. Name of individual that may be contacted at all times if information, service, or problem solving is required by the Using Agency. This service shall be available at no additional charge.

#### (PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE)

Name:			
Address:			

	City, State:	
	Telephone Number:	Fax Number:
	2. Years of this individual's experience	in servicing similar accounts:
	3. Identify the similar accounts this indiv	vidual has serviced:
4.4.2.3	REFERENCE DATA SHEETS - SATISF	ACTORY CUSTOMER SERVICE
	The bidder must provide all of the inform a separate attachment but should clearly	nation requested. The bidder may provide its response on y state here that it is doing so:
		rs you are servicing for contracts of a similar size and ne State reserves the right to visit these locations and
	1. Name of customer provided as refere	ence:
	Name of individual State may contact	to verify reference:
	1 <sup>st</sup> individual:	Phone # of contact person:
	<sup>2nd</sup> individual:	Phone # of contact person:
	Length of time services provided by the	he bidder to this customer:
	2. Name of customer provided as refer	rence:
	1 <sup>st</sup> individual:	Phone # of contact person:
	<sup>2nd</sup> individual:	Phone # of contact person:
	Length of time services provided by t	the bidder to this customer:
	3. Name of customer provided as refer	rence
	1 <sup>st</sup> individual:	Phone # of contact person:
	<sup>2nd</sup> individual:	Phone # of contact person:
	Length of time services provided by the	he bidder to this customer:

#### 4.4.2.4 MANDATORY CONTRACTOR DATA SHEET - TERMINATED CONTRACTS

The bidder must provide all of the information requested. The bidder may provide its response on a separate attachment but should clearly state here that it is doing so:

Provide a list of contracts, if any, your firm has been terminated from during the last three years along with the reason that your contract was terminated. List name of contact person and phone number of the firm which terminated your firm's contract.

1.	Name of Firm:
	Contact Person:
	Phone Number:
	Reason for Termination:
2.	Name of Firm:
	Contact Person:
	Phone Number:
	Reason for Termination:
3.	Name of Firm:
	Contact Person:
	Phone Number:
	Reason for Termination:

#### 4.4.2.5 SAMPLES/SAMPLE TESTING

Not applicable To This RFP.

#### 4.4.3 COST PROPOSAL

The bidder must submit its pricing using the State supplied price sheet(s) attached to this RFP. Failure to submit all information required will result in the bid being considered non-responsive. Each bidder is required to hold its prices firm through issuance of contract.

#### PLEASE READ PARAGRAPHS A AND B CAREFULLY

#### 4.4.3.1 BID PRICING IMPORTANT

### A. FOR CATEGORIES 1, 2, AND 5 (AMMUNITION & FIREARMS WITHOUT THE FEDERAL EXCISE TAX - F.E.T.)

The State is exempt from paying federal excise tax, therefore, pricing is required that does not include this tax. All prices and discounts for Categories 1, 2, and 5 are to be based on the dealer/distributor price list column without Federal Excise Tax (F.E.T.) If the manufacturer does not have a dealer/distributor price list column without F.E.T., one must be created by the manufacturer for the State of New Jersey and identified as the "Official State of New Jersey price list." The official price list must have an appropriate column indicating F.E.T. prices. All markups bid will be based on and evaluated against this official price list. Products bid with the incorrect price list will be rejected. All bidders should encourage the manufacturer to submit its official price list to Sharon Overton at the Purchase Bureau prior to the bid opening date. (Refer to Section 1.3.3 for address) If a price list is not received prior to the bid opening date that product line will not be awarded. In order to allow for all vendors to have access to the correct price lists, the manufacturer's price list in effect prior to the bid opening date, as submitted by the manufacturer will be used for evaluation purposes. It must be reiterated that evaluation will take place using the same dealer/distributor price list column without F.E.T. for all bidders. Therefore, it is essential that the bidder comply with the requirements set forth in this RFP. No exceptions will be made.

#### B. FOR CATEGORIES 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, AND 11

All prices and discounts for Categories 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 are based on the manufacturer's suggested retail price (MSRP). If the manufacturer does not have a suggested retail price list, one must be created by the manufacturer for the State of New Jersey and identified as the "Official State of New Jersey price list." All discounts bid will be based on and evaluated against the MSRP (official price list). Products bid with incorrect MSRP will be rejected. All bidders should encourage the manufacturer to submit its official price lists to Sharon Overton at the Purchase Bureau prior to the bid opening date. (Refer to Section 1.3.3 for address)

If a price list is not received prior to the bid opening date, that product line will not be awarded. In order to allow for all vendors to have access to the correct price lists, the manufacturer's price list in effect prior to bid opening, as submitted by the manufacturer, will be used for evaluation purposes. It must be reiterated that evaluation will take place using the same manufacturer's suggested retail price list for all bidders. Therefore, it is essential that the bidder comply with the requirements set forth in this RFP. No exceptions will be made.

#### 4.4.3.2 BID PRICING IMPORTANT

Bidders must submit with their bid proposals the manufacturer's official price list for brands bid. For Categories 1, 2, and 5 (Ammunition and Firearms without the Federal Excise Tax), the official price list shall be the dealer/distributor price list column without F.E.T. submitted by the manufacturer to the Purchase Bureau buyer, prior to the bid opening date. For Categories 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 the official price list will be the MSRP that has been submitted by the manufacturer to the Purchase Bureau buyer, prior to the bid opening date. Bidder's failure to submit the same, exact official price list(s) as received from the manufacturer prior to bid opening date, will be cause for rejection of the brand in question. Bidders must also submit the most current published catalog. The catalog must show the product that is being bid. Only those items for which the Purchase Bureau has received the applicable catalog and price list will be considered for award.

Official price lists are to be in effect prior to the bid opening date of this RFP. If a manufacturer's catalog also serves as its price list, then a separate price list is not necessary. The manufacturer may submit a combination catalog/price list as the official price list.

Bidders should submit with their bid proposal, a price list in the form of a "CD in PDF or text format." Along with the CD, bidders must also provide a price list as outlined in Section 4.4.3.1 of the RFP. Failure to submit a preprinted price list will be cause for bid rejection for that brand line.

4.5 All discounts shall be firm for the entire period of the contract. No multiple discounts will be allowed. If a multiple discount is provided, your bid for that line item will be rejected.

- 4.6 Bidders must provide for each brand being bid the following information:
  - A. Discount or Markup whichever is applicable, under the appropriate column header.
  - B. Price List Number and Date.
  - C. Catalog number, Date, or Title, if no number or date is available.

**NOTE**: Failure to provide the above information on the pricing sheets of this RFP may be cause for rejection of your bid proposal. No inked in changes will be permitted on the catalogs or price lists, unless each change is initialed and dated in ink by the bidder.

4.7 All catalogs and price lists submitted must be properly labeled, showing the bidder's name, address and bid number. The catalogs should be presented in numerical order in manila folders. No three-ring binders will be accepted. Bidders are requested to follow this method. By presenting the bid proposal in an organized fashion, it helps minimize the bid proposal evaluation time and reduces the chances of errors on the part of the bidder that could render a bid proposal non-responsive and subject to rejection.

**NOTE**: The bidder should include the line number, category, discount or markup, and catalog date that applies on the outside of the folder.

#### 5.0 SPECIAL CONTRACTUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

#### 5.1 PRECEDENCE OF SPECIAL CONTRACTUAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

The contract awarded as a result of this RFP shall consist of this RFP, addendum to this RFP, the contractor's bid proposal and the Division's Notice of Award.

Unless specifically stated within this RFP, the Special Contractual Terms and Conditions <u>Appendix 1</u> of the RFP take precedence over the Standard Terms and Conditions of the RFP.

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this RFP, including the Special Contractual Terms and Conditions and the Standard Terms and Conditions, and any Addendum to this RFP, the Addendum shall govern.

In the event of a conflict between the provisions of this RFP, including any Addendum to this RFP, and the bidder's bid proposal, the RFP and/or the Addendum shall govern.

#### 5.2 BUSINESS REGISTRATION

See Standard Terms & Conditions, Appendix 1, Section 1.1.

#### 5.3 CONTRACT TERM AND EXTENSION OPTION

The term of the contract shall be for a period of two (2) years. The anticipated "Contract Effective Date" is provided on the cover sheet of this RFP. If delays in the procurement process result in a change to the anticipated Contract Effective Date, the bidder agrees to accept a contract for the full term of the contract. The contract may be extended for all or part of one year by the mutual written consent of the contractor and the Director.

#### 5.4 CONTRACT TRANSITION

In the event that a new contract has not been awarded prior to the contract expiration date, as may be extended herein, it shall be incumbent upon the contractor to continue the contract under the same terms and conditions until a new contract can be completely operational. At no time shall this transition period extend more than 90 days beyond the expiration date of the contract.

#### 5.5 AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

The State's obligation to pay the contractor is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for contract purposes is made. No legal liability on the part of the State for payment of any money shall arise unless funds are made available each fiscal year to the Using Agency by the Legislature.

#### 5.6 CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Any changes or modifications to the terms of the contract shall only be valid when they have been reduced to writing and signed by the contractor and the Director.

#### 5.7 PROCEDURAL REQUIREMENTS AND AMENDMENTS

- 5.7.1 The contractor shall comply with procedural instructions that may be issued from time to time by the Director.
- 5.7.2 During the period of the contract, no contractual changes are permitted, unless approved in writing by the Director.
- 5.7.3 The State reserves the right to separately procure individual requirements that are the subject of the contract during the contract term, when deemed by the Director to be in the State's best interest.

#### 5.8 ITEMS ORDERED AND DELIVERED

The Using Agency is authorized to order and the contractor is authorized to ship only those items covered by the contract. If a review of orders placed by the agency reveals that material other than that covered by the contract has been ordered and delivered, such delivery shall be a violation of the terms of the contract and may be considered by the Director in the termination of the contract or in the award of any subsequent contract. The Director may take such steps as are necessary to have the items returned by the agency, regardless of the time between the date of delivery and discovery of the violation. In such event, the contractor shall reimburse the State the full purchase price.

The contract involves items which are necessary for the continuation of ongoing critical State services. Any delay in delivery of these items would disrupt State services and would force the State to immediately seek alternative sources of supply on an emergency basis. Timely delivery is critical to meeting the State's ongoing needs.

#### 5.9 DISCLOSURE OF PRODUCT COMPOSITION

If requested by the State during the term of the contract, the contractor must furnish MSDS or manufacturer's equivalent information sheets on the products and/or chemicals used in performing the services specified in the contract to the Using Agency. These sheets must list complete chemical ingredients including the percentage composition of each ingredient in the mixture down to 0.1%, and the chemical abstract services numbers for those substances listing any potentially hazardous products, which may produce gas during or following application.

#### 5.10 REMEDIES FOR NON-PERFORMANCE

In the event that the contractor fails to comply with any material contract requirements, the Director may take steps to terminate the contract in accordance with the State administrative code. In this event, the Director may authorize the delivery of contract items by any available means, with the difference between the price paid and the defaulting contractor's price either being deducted from any monies due the defaulting contractor or being an obligation owed the State by the defaulting contractor.

#### 5.11 MANUFACTURING/PACKAGING REQUIREMENTS

- 5.11.1 All products must conform in every respect to the standards and regulations established by Federal and New Jersey State laws.
- 5.11.2 All products shall be manufactured and packaged under modern sanitary conditions in accordance with good commercial practice.
- 5.11.3 All products are to be packaged in sizes as specified in this RFP and shall be packaged in such a manner as to insure delivery in first class condition and properly marked for identification. All shipments must be comprised of original cartons associated with the commercial industry represented by the actual product contained within each carton. Deliveries containing re-used, re-labeled, re-worked or alternate cartons are subject to rejection by the Using Agency at the contractor's expense.

#### 5.12 PERFORMANCE BOND

Not Applicable to this RFP.

#### 5.13 CLAIMS

All claims asserted against the State by the contractor shall be subject to the New Jersey Tort Claims Act, N.J.S.A. 59:1-1.1, et seq., and/or the New Jersey Contractual Liability Act, N.J.S.A. 59:13-1, et seq.

#### 5.14 CONTRACT ACTIVITY REPORT

In conjunction with the standard record keeping requirements of this contract, as listed in paragraph 3.19 of this RFP's standard terms and conditions, the contractor must provide, on a semi - annual basis, to

the Purchase Bureau buyer assigned, a record of all purchases made under its contract. This information must be provided in a tabular format such that an analysis can be made to determine the following:

-Contractor's total sales volume under contract, subtotaled by product.

Submission of purchase orders, confirmations, and/or invoices do not fulfill this contract requirement.

Contractors are encouraged to submit the required information in electronic spreadsheet format. The Purchase Bureau uses Microsoft Excel.

Failure to submit these mandated reports will be a factor in future award decisions.

#### 6.0 PROPOSAL EVALUATION/CONTRACT AWARD

- 6.1 For a product bid that has been determined to be in compliance with this RFP, the contract shall be awarded on the basis of the following criteria, not necessarily listed in the order of importance:
  - 6.1.1 Price
  - 6.1.2 Experience of the bidder
  - 6.1.3 The bidder's past performance under similar contracts, including if applicable, the Division's vendor performance database.

#### 6.2 ORAL PRESENTATION AND/OR CLARIFICATION OF BID PROPOSAL

After the submission of bid proposals, unless requested by the State, contact with the State is limited to status inquiries only and such inquiries are only to be directed to the buyer. Any further contact or information about the proposal to the buyer or any other State official connected with the solicitation will be considered an impermissible supplementation of the bidder's bid proposal.

A bidder may be required to give an oral presentation to the Evaluation Committee concerning its bid proposal. The Evaluation Committee may also require a bidder to submit written responses to questions regarding its bid proposal.

The purpose of such communication with a bidder, either through an oral presentation or a letter of clarification, is to provide an opportunity for the bidder to clarify or elaborate on its bid proposal. Original bid proposals submitted, however, cannot be supplemented, changed, or corrected in any way. No comments regarding other bid proposals are permitted. Bidders may not attend presentations made by their competitors.

It is within the Evaluation Committee's discretion whether to require a bidder to give an oral presentation or require a bidder to submit written responses to questions regarding its bid proposal. Action by the Evaluation Committee in this regard should not be construed to imply acceptance or rejection of a bid proposal. The Purchase Bureau buyer will be the sole point of contact regarding any request for an oral presentation or clarification.

6.3 Contract award by line item shall be made with reasonable promptness by written notice to those responsible bidders, whose bid proposals, conforming to this RFP are most advantageous to the State, price and other factors considered. Any of all bid proposals may be rejected when the State Treasurer or the director determines that it is in the public interest so to do.

#### 7.0 ATTACHMENTS, SUPPLEMENTS AND APPENDICES

Important, see cover letter attached with bid. Please make a copy for your records and forward a copy to your manufacturer, immediately.

#### **ATTACHMENTS** - To be submitted with bid proposal.

- 1. Ownership Disclosure Form
- 2. MacBride Principles Form
- 3. Affirmative Action Supplement Forms
- 4. Cooperative Purchasing Form
- 5. Reciprocity Form (Optional)

#### **APPENDICES**

- 1. New Jersey Standard Terms and Conditions
- 2. Set-Off for State Tax Notice

#### **ATTACHMENT 1 - OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE FORM**

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREADIVISION OF PURCHASE & F STATE OF NEW JERSEY 33 W. STATE ST., 9TH FLOOP PO BOX 230 TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 086	PROPERTY R 25-0230		BID NUMBER: 05-X-37015 BIDDER:	
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	ADDRESS	DATE OF BIRTH	OFFICE HELD	(Shares Owned or % of Partnership)
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NAME HOME	E ADDRESS	DATE OF BIRTH	OFFICE HELD	(Shares Owned or % of Partnership)
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			arged, indicted or convicted in a crovernment? (If yes, attach a detaile	
	m bidding or contracting to p		debarred or otherwise declared ine aterial, or supplies? (If yes, attack	
<b>4.</b> Are there now any criminal m involved? (If yes, attach a det			firm and/or its officers and/or man	nagers are
held or applied for by any per-	son or entity listed in this for	m, been suspended or rev	sary to perform the work applied for save of the subject or any possible of the subject or any possible of the subject or any possible of the same of the subject of the su	ending
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#### **ATTACHMENT 2 - MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES FORM**

# NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE A CERTIFICATION IN COMPLIANCE WITH MACBRIDE PRINCIPLES AND NORTHERN IRELAND ACT OF 1989

Pursuant to Public Law 1995, c. 134, a responsible bidder selected, after public bidding, by the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-12, or the Director of the Division of Building and Construction, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-2, must complete the certification below by checking one of the two representations listed and signing where indicated. If a bidder who would otherwise be awarded a purchase, contract or agreement does not complete the certification, then the Directors may determine, in accordance with applicable law and rules, that it is in the best interest of the State to award the purchase, contract or agreement to another bidder who has completed the certification and has submitted a bid within five (5) percent of the most advantageous bid. If the Directors find contractors to be in violation of the principles which are the subject of this law, they shall take such action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarrment or suspension of the party.

I certify, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:34-12.2 that the en	ntity for which I am authorized to bid:	
 has no ongoing business activities in Northern Irelan operation of offices, plants, factories, or similar faci subsidiaries or affiliated companies over which it m	ilities, either directly or indirectly, through intern	
 will take lawful steps in good faith to conduct any be the MacBride principles of nondiscrimination in em conformance with the United Kingdom's Fair Empl monitoring of their compliance with those principle	aployment as set forth in <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 52:18A-89.8 at loyment (Northern Ireland) Act of 1989, and peri	nd in
tify that the foregoing statements made by me are true. villfully false, I am subject to punishment.	I am aware that if any of the foregoing statemen	ts made by me
	Signature of Bidder	
_	Name (Type or Print)	
	Title Name (Type or Print)	
_	Name of Company Name (Type or Print)	
_	Date	

#### **ATTACHMENT 3 – AFFIRMATIVE ACTION SUPPLEMENT**

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION	TERM CONTRACT - ADVERTISED BID PROPOSAL
DEPT OF THE TREASURY DIVISION OF PURCHASE & PROPERTY STATE OF NEW JERSEY	BID NUMBER: 05-X-37015  NAME OF BIDDER:
33 WEST STATE STREET, 9TH FLOOR PO BOX 230 TRENTON, NEW JERSEY 08625-0230	MAME OF BIDDER.

#### SUPPLEMENT TO BID SPECIFICATIONS

#### DURING THE PERFORMANCE OF THIS CONTRACT. THE CONTRACTOR AGREES AS FOLLOWS:

- 1. THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR, WHERE APPLICABLE, WILL NOT DISCRIMINATE AGAINST ANY EMPLOYEE OR APPLICANT FOR EMPLOYMENT BECAUSE OF AGE, RACE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, MARITAL STATUS, SEX, AFFECTIONAL OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. THE CONTRACTOR WILL TAKE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION TO ENSURE THAT SUCH APPLICANTS ARE RECRUITED AND EMPLOYED, AND THAT EMPLOYEES ARE TREATED DURING EMPLOYMENT, WITHOUT REGARD TO THEIR AGE, RACE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, MARITAL STATUS, SEX, AFFECTIONAL OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION. SUCH ACTION SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO THE FOLLOWING: EMPLOYMENT, UPGRADING, DEMOTION, OR TRANSFER; RECRUITMENT OR RECRUITMENT ADVERTISING; LAYOFF OR TERMINATION; RATES OF PAY OR OTHER FORMS OF COMPENSATION; AND SELECTION FOR TRAINING, INCLUDING APPRENTICESHIP. THE CONTRACTOR AGREES TO POST IN CONSPICUOUS PLACES, AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT, NOTICES TO BE PROVIDED BY THE PUBLIC AGENCY COMPLIANCE OFFICER SETTING FORTH PROVISIONS OF THIS NONDISCRIMINATION CLAUSE;
- 2. THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR, WHERE APPLICABLE WILL, IN ALL SOLICITATIONS OR ADVERTISEMENTS ,FOR EMPLOYEES PLACED BY OR ON BEHALF OF THE CONTRACTOR, STATE THAT ALL QUALIFIED APPLICANTS WILL RECEIVE CONSIDERATION FOR EMPLOYMENT WITHOUT REGARD TO AGE, RACE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, MARITAL STATUS, SEX, AFFECTIONAL OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION.
- 3. THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR, WHERE APPLICABLE, WILL SEND TO EACH LABOR UNION OR REPRESENTATIVE OR WORKERS WITH WHICH IT HAS A COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENT OR OTHER CONTRACT OR UNDERSTANDING, A NOTICE, TO BE PROVIDED BY THE AGENCY CONTRACTING OFFICER ADVISING THE LABOR UNION OR WORKERS' REPRESENTATIVE OF THE CONTRACTOR'S COMMITMENTS UNDER THIS ACT AND SHALL POST COPIES OF THE NOTICE IN CONSPICUOUS PLACES AVAILABLE TO EMPLOYEES AND APPLICANTS FOR EMPLOYMENT.
- 4. THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR, WHERE APPLICABLE, AGREES TO COMPLY WITH THE REGULATIONS PROMULGATED BY THE TREASURER PURSUANT TO P.L. 1975, C. 127, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME AND THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT.
- 5. THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR AGREES TO ATTEMPT IN GOOD FAITH TO EMPLOY MINORITY AND FEMALE WORKERS CONSISTENT WITH THE APPLICABLE COUNTY EMPLOYMENT GOALS PRESCRIBED BY N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2 PROMULGATED BY THE TREASURER PURSUANT TO P.L. 1975, C. 127, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME OR IN ACCORDANCE WITH A BINDING DETERMINATION OF THE APPLICABLE COUNTY EMPLOYMENT GOALS DETERMINED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICE PURSUANT TO N.J.A.C. 17:27-5.2 PROMULGATED BY THE TREASURER PURSUANT TO P.L. 1975, C. 127, AS AMENDED AND SUPPLEMENTED FROM TIME TO TIME.
- 6. THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR AGREES TO INFORM IN WRITING APPROPRIATE RECRUITMENT AGENCIES IN THE AREA, INCLUDING EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES, PLACEMENT BUREAUS, COLLEGES, UNIVERSITIES, LABOR UNIONS, THAT IT DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF AGE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, MARITAL STATUS, SEX, AFFECTIONAL OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND THAT IT WILL DISCONTINUE THE USE OF ANY RECRUITMENT AGENCY WHICH ENGAGES IN DIRECT OR INDIRECT DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES.
- 7. THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR AGREES TO REVISE ANY OF ITS TESTING PROCEDURES, IF NECESSARY, TO ASSURE THAT ALL PERSONNEL TESTING CONFORMS WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF JOB-RELATED TESTING, AS ESTABLISHED BY THE STATUTES AND COURT DECISIONS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY AND AS ESTABLISHED BY APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAW AND APPLICABLE FEDERAL COURT DECISIONS.
- 8. THE CONTRACTOR OR SUBCONTRACTOR AGREES TO REVIEW ALL PROCEDURES RELATING TO TRANSFER, UPGRADING, DOWNGRADING AND LAYOFF TO ENSURE THAT ALL SUCH ACTIONS ARE TAKEN WITHOUT REGARD TO AGE, CREED, COLOR, NATIONAL ORIGIN, ANCESTRY, MARITAL STATUS, SEX, AFFECTIONAL OR SEXUAL ORIENTATION, AND CONFORM WITH THE APPLICABLE EMPLOYMENT GOALS, CONSISTENT WITH THE STATUTES AND COURT DECISIONS OF THE STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AND APPLICABLE FEDERAL LAW AND APPLICABLE FEDERAL COURT DECISIONS.

THE CONTRACTOR AND ITS SUBCONTRACTORS SHALL FURNISH SUCH REPORTS OR OTHER DOCUMENTS TO THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICE AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY THE OFFICE FROM TIME TO TIME IN ORDER TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THESE REGULATIONS, AND PUBLIC AGENCIES SHALL FURNISH SUCH INFORMATION AS MAY BE REQUESTED BY THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION OFFICE FOR CONDUCTING A COMPLIANCE INVESTIGATION PURSUANT TO SUBCHAPTER 10 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE (NJAC17:27).

\* NO FIRM MAY BE ISSUED A PURCHASE ORDER OR CONTRACT WITH THE STATE UNLESS THEY COMPLY WITH THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION REGULATIONS

PLEASE CHECK APPROPRIATE BOX (ONE ONLY)						
I HAVE A CURRENT NEW JERSEY AFFIRMATIVE ACTION CERTIFICATE, (PLEASE ATTACH A COPY TO YOUR PROPOSAL).						
I HAVE A VALID FEDERAL AFFIRMATIVE ACTION PLAN APPROVAL LETTER, (PLEASE ATTACH A COPY TO YOUR PROPOSAL).						
I HAVE COMPLETED THE ENCLOSED FORM AA302 AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT.						

# INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT (FORM AA302)

#### **IMPORTANT:**

READ THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING THE FORM. PRINT OR TYPE ALL INFORMATION. FAILURE TO PROPERLY COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM MAY DELAY ISSUANCE OF YOUR CERTIFICATE.

**Item 1** - Enter the Federal Identification Number assigned to the Contractor or vendor by the Internal Revenue Service, or if a Federal Employer Identification Number has been applied for, but not yet issued, write the words "applied for", or

If your business is such that you have not, or will not receive a Federal Employee Identification Number, enter the Social Security Number assigned to the single owner or to a partner, in case of partnership.

- **Item 2** Check the box appropriate to your TYPE OF BUSINESS. If you are engaged in more than one type of business, check the predominant one. If you are a manufacturer deriving more than 50% of your receipts from your own retail outlets, check "Retail".
- **Item 3** Enter the total "number" of employees in the entire company, including part-time employees. This number shall include all facilities in the entire firm or corporation.
- **Item 4** Enter the name by which the company is identified. If there is more than one company name, enter the predominant one.
- **Item 5** Enter the physical location of the company, include City, County, State and Zip Code.
- **Item 6** Enter the name of any parent or affiliated company including City, State and Zip Code. If there is none, so indicate by entering "None" or N/A.
- **Item 7** Check the appropriate box for the total number of employees in the entire company. "Entire Company" shall include all facilities in the entire firm or corporation, including part-time employees, not use those employees at the facility being awarded the contract.
- **Item 8** Check the box appropriate to your type of company establishment. Single-establishment Employer shall include an employer whose business is conducted at more than one location.
- **Item 9** If multi-establishment was entered in Item 8, enter the number of establishments within the State of New Jersey.
- ${\bf Item~10}$  Enter the total number of employees at the establishment being awarded the contract.
- **Item 11** Enter the name of the Public Agency awarding the contract. Include City, State and Zip Code.

Item 12 - Enter the appropriate figures on all lines and in all columns. THIS SHALL ONLY INCLUDE EMPLOYMENT DATA FROM THE FACILITY THAT IS BEING AWARDED THE CONTRACT. DO NOT list the same employee in more than one job category.

Racial/Ethnic Groups will be so defined:

Black: Not of Hispanic origin. Persons have origin in any of the Black racial groups of Africa.

Hispanic: Persons of Mexican, Puerto Rican, Cuban or Central or South American or other Spanish culture or origin, regardless of race

American Indian or Alaskan Native: Persons having origins in any of the original peoples of North America, and who maintain cultural identification through tribal affiliation or community recognition.

Asian or Pacific Islander: Persons having origin in any of the peoples of the Far East, Southeast Asia, the Indian Subcontinent or the Pacific Islands. This area includes for example, China, Japan, the Philippine Islands and Somoa.

- **Item 13** Check the appropriate box, if the race or ethnic group information was not obtained by 1 or 2, specify by what other means this was done in 3.
- **Item 14** Enter the dates of the payroll period used to prepare the employment data presented in Item 12.
- **Item 15** If this is the first time an Employee Information Report has been submitted for this company, check block "Yes".
- **Item 16** If the answer to Item 15 is "No", enter the date when the last Employee Information Report was submitted by this company.
- **Item 17** Print or type the name of the person completing this form. Include the signature, title and date.
- **Item 18** Enter the physical location where the form is being completed. Include City, State, Zip Code and Phone Number.

## State of New Jersey AFFIRMATIVE ACTION EMPLOYEE INFORMATION REPORT

IMPORTANT - READ INSTRUCTIONS ON PRIOR PAGE CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING FORM. TYPE OR PRINT SHARP BALL POINT PEN. FAILURE TO PROPERLY COMPLETE THE ENTIRE FORM MAY DELAY ISSUANCE OF YOUR CERTIFICATE.

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#### **ATTACHMENT 4 - COOPERATIVE PURCHASING FORM**

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

PURCHASE BUREAU

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

33 WEST STATE STREET

PO BOX 230

TRENTON, NJ 08625-0230

BID NUMBER: 05-X-37015

BID OPEN DATE: 06/17/04

TIME: 2 PM

T-NUMBER: T0106

BIDDERS NAME:

BIDDERS FID:

#### IMPORTANT NOTICE

BIDDERS ARE ADVISED TO REVIEW THE ATTACHED REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL (RFP) AND ANSWER THE CONTRACT EXTENSION QUESTION LISTED BELOW.

#### AGREEMENT TO EXTEND STATE CONTRACT TERMS

TO QUASI-STATE AGENCIES, COUNTIES, MUNICIPALITIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, COUNTY COLLEGES AND STATE COLLEGES

THE QUESTION BELOW ELICITS THE BIDDER'S ADVANCE AGREEMENT TO OR REJECTION OF THE USE OF THIS STATE CONTRACT BY THE FOLLOWING ENTITIES:

N.J.S.A. 52:27B-56.1 PERMITS THE PARTICIPATION OF QUASI-STATE AGENCIES IN STATE CONTRACTS.

N.J.S.A. 52:25-16.1 ALLOWS THE DIRECTOR TO EXTEND IN ADVANCE THE LOCAL USE OF STATE CONTRACTS BY INCLUDING A PROVISION FOR SUCH PURCHASES IN THE STATE CONTRACT.

N.J. S.A. 52:25-16.2 PERMITS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS, SQUADS TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE CONTRACTS.

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N.J.S.A. 52:25-16.5 PERMITS INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE CONTRACTS.

- N.J.S.A. 18A:64A-25.9 PERMITS ANY COLLEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE CONTRACTS.
- N.J.S.A. 18A:64-60 PERMITS ANY STATE COLLEGE TO PARTICIPATE IN STATE CONTRACTS.
- N.J.S.A. 40:11-12 AND N.J.S.A. 18A:18A-10 TO ALLOW COUNTIES. MUNICIPALITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO USE SUCH STATE CONTRACTS AND TO DEAL "DIRECTLY" WITH STATE CONTRACT VENDORS INSTEAD OF BIDDING THE ITEMS.

THE SAME PRICE MUST BE ESTABLISHED FOR THE STATE AND FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS; OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS ALSO MUST BE THE SAME UNLESS A PARTICULAR TERM OR CONDITION IS SPECIFICALLY IDENTIFIED OTHERWISE IN THE RFP BY THE STATE.

A BIDDER'S WILLINGNESS OR UNWILLINGNESS TO EXTEND WILL "NOT" BE A FACTOR IN DETERMINING THE STATE AWARD. THE DIRECTOR WILL "NOT" AWARD A SEPARATE CONTRACT FOR LOCAL USE. THE VENDOR MAY NOT CHANGE HIS DECISION DURING THE CONTRACT TERM.

DO YOU AGREE TO EXTEND ANY STATE CONTRACTS AWARDED AS A RESULT OF THIS RFP TO THE AFOREMENTIONED ENTITIES AT THE SAME PRICE AND COMMON TERMS AND CONDITIONS?

YES		NO	
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IF THE BIDDER DOES NOT CHECK "YES" OR "NO" TO THE ABOVE QUESTION, THE ANSWER WILL BE CONSIDERED AS "NO".

NOTE: NO CONTRACT WILL BE EXTENDED TO THESE ENTITIES UNLESS THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY SPECIFICALLY PROVIDES FOR THE EXTENSION AT THE TIME OF THE AWARD.

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#### APPENDIX 1 NJ STATE STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

## STATE OF NEW JERSEY STANDARD TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- I. Unless the bidder is specifically instructed otherwise In the Request for Proposal, the following terms and conditions will apply to all contracts or purchase agreements made with the State of New Jersey. These terms are in addition to the terms and conditions set forth in the Request for Proposal (RFP) and should be read in conjunction with same unless the RFP specifically indicates otherwise. If a bidder proposes changes or modifications or takes exception to any of the State's terms and conditions, the bidder must so state specifically in writing in the bid proposal. Any proposed change, modification or exception in the State's terms and conditions by a bidder will be a factor in the determination of an award of a contractor purchase agreement.
- II. All of the State's terms and conditions will become a part of any contract(s) or order(s) awarded as a result of the Request for Proposal, whether stated in part, in summary or by reference. In the event the bidder's terms and conditions conflict with the State's, the State's terms and conditions will prevail, unless the bidder is notified in writing of the State's acceptance of the bidder's terms and conditions.
- III. The statutes, laws or codes cited are available for review at the New Jersey State Library, 185 West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625.
- IV. If awarded a contract or purchase agreement, the bidder's status shall be that of any independent principal and not as an employee of the State.

#### 1. STATE LAW REQUIRING MANDATORY COMPLIANCE BY ALL CONTRACTORS

- 1.1 BUSINESS REGISTRATION All New Jersey and out of State Corporations must obtain a Business Registration Certificate (BRC) from the Department of the Treasury, Division of Revenue prior to conducting business in the State of New Jersey. Proof of valid business registration with the Division of Revenue, Department of the Treasury, State of New Jersey, should be submitted by the bidder and, if applicable, by every subcontractor of the bidder, with the bidder's bid. No contract will be awarded without proof of business registration with the Division of Revenue. Any questions in this regard can be directed to the Division of Revenue at (609) 292-1730. Form NJ-REG. can be filed online at <a href="http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/gettingregistered.htm#busentity">http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/revenue/gettingregistered.htm#busentity</a>
- 1.2 <u>ANTI-DISCRIMINATION</u> All parties to any contract with the State of New Jersey agree not to discriminate in employment and agree to abide by all anti-discrimination laws including those contained within N.J.S.A. 10:2-1 through N.J.S.A. 10:2-4, N.J.S.A.I0:5-1 et seq. and N.J.S.A.I0:5-31 through 10:5-38, and all rules and regulations issued there under.
- 1.3 PREVAILING WAGE ACT The New Jersey Prevailing Wage Act, N.J.S.A. 34: 11-56.26 et seq. is hereby made part of every contract entered into on behalf of the State of New Jersey through the Division of Purchase and Property, except those contracts which are not within the contemplation of the Act. The bidder's signature on this proposal is his guarantee that neither he nor any subcontractors he might employ to perform the work covered by this proposal has been suspended or debarred by the Commissioner, Department of Labor for violation of the provisions of the Prevailing Wage Act.
- **1.4** <u>AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT</u> The contractor must comply with all provisions of the Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA), P.L 101-336, in accordance with 42 U.S.C. 12101 et seq.
- **1.5** THE WORKER AND COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW ACT The provisions of N.J.S.A. 34:5A-I et seq. which require the labeling of all containers of hazardous substances are applicable to this contract. Therefore, all goods offered for purchase to the State must be labeled by the contractor in compliance with the provisions of the Act.
- 1.6 <u>OWNERSHIP DISCLOSURE</u> Contracts for any work, goods or services cannot be issued to any corporation or partnership unless prior to or at the time of bid submission the bidder has disclosed the names and addresses of all its owners holding 10% or more of the corporation or partnership's stock or interest. Refer to N.J.S.A. 52:25-24.2.
- 1.7 <u>COMPLIANCE LAWS</u> The contractor must comply with all local, state and federal laws, rules and regulations applicable to this contract and to the goods delivered and/or services performed hereunder.
- 1.8 <u>COMPLIANCE STATE LAWS</u> It is agreed and understood that any contracts and/or orders placed as a result of this proposal shall be governed and construed and the rights and obligations of the parties hereto shall be determined in accordance with the laws of the STATE OF NEW JERSEY.
- **1.9** COMPLIANCE CODES The contractor must comply with NJUCC and the latest NEC70, B.O.C.A. Basic Building code, OSHA and all applicable codes for this requirement. The contractor will be responsible for securing and paying all necessary permits, where applicable.

#### 2. LIABILITIES

- 2.1 <u>LIABILITY COPYRIGHT</u> The contractor shall hold and save the State of New Jersey, its officers, agents, servants and employees, harmless from liability of any nature or kind for or on account of the use of any copyrighted or uncopyrighted composition, secret process, patented or unpatented invention, article or appliance furnished or used in the performance of his contract.
- 2.2 <u>INDEMNIFICATION</u> The contractor shall assume all risk of and responsibility for, and agrees to indemnify, defend, and save harmless the State of New Jersey and its employees from and against any and all claims, demands, suits, actions, recoveries, judgments and costs and expenses in connection therewith on account of the loss of life, property or injury or damage to the person, body or property of any person or persons whatsoever, which shall arise from or result directly or indirectly from the work and/or materials supplied under this contract. This indemnification obligation is not limited by, but is in addition to the insurance obligations contained in this agreement.
- 2.3 <u>INSURANCE</u> The contractor shall secure and maintain in force for the term of the contract liability insurance as provided herein. The contractor shall provide the State of New Jersey with current certificates of insurance for all coverages and renewals thereof which must contain the proviso that the insurance provided in the certificate shall not be canceled for any reason except after thirty days written notice to:

STATE OF NEVV JERSEY Purchase Bureau - Bid Ref.#

The insurance to be provided by the contractor shall be as follows.

- a. General liability policy as broad as the standard coverage forms currently in use in the State of New Jersey which shall not be circumscribed by any endorsements limiting the breadth of coverage. The policy shall be endorsed to include:
  - 1. BROAD FORM COMPREHENSIVE GENERAL LIABILITY
  - 2. PRODUCTS/COMPLETED OPERATIONS
  - 3. PREMISES/OPERATIONS

The limits of liability for bodily injury and property damage shall not be less than \$1 million per occurrence as a combined single limit.

- b. Automobile liability insurance which shall be written to cover any automobile used by the insured. Limits of liability for bodily Injury and property damage shall not be less than \$1 million per occurrence as a combined single limit.
- c. Worker's Compensation Insurance applicable to the laws of the State of New Jersey and Employers Liability Insurance with limits not less than

\$100,000 BODILY INJURY, EACH OCCURRENCE \$100,000 DISEASE EACH EMPLOYEE \$500,000 DISEASE AGGREGATE LIMIT

#### 3. TERMS GOVERNING ALL PROPOSALS TO NEW JERSEY PURCHASE BUREAU

- **3.1** CONTRACT AMOUNT The estimated amount of the contract(s), when stated on the Advertised Request for Proposal form, shall not be construed as either the maximum or minimum amount which the State shall be obliged to order as the result of this Request for Proposal or any contract entered into as a result of this Request for Proposal.
- 3.2 <u>CONTRACT PERIOD AND EXTENSION OPTION</u> If, in the opinion of the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property, it is in the best interest of the State to extend an contract entered into as a result of this Request for Proposal, the contractor will be so notified of the Director's Intent at least 30 days prior to the expiration date of the existing contract. The contractor shall have 15 calendar days to respond to the Director's request to extend the contract. If the contractor agrees to the extension, all terms and conditions of the original contract, including price, will be applicable.

#### 3.3 BID AND PERFORMANCE SECURITY

- a. Bid Security If bid security is required, such security must be submitted with the bid in the amount listed in the Request for Proposal, see N.J.A.C. 17: 12- 2.4. Acceptable forms of bid security are as follows:
  - A properly executed individual or annual bid bond issued by an insurance or security company authorized to do
    business in the State of New Jersey, a certified or cashier's check drawn to the order of the Treasurer, State of New
    Jersey, or an irrevocable letter of credit drawn naming the Treasurer, State of New Jersey as beneficiary issued by a
    federally insured financial institution.
  - 2. The State will hold all bid security during the evaluation process. As soon as is practicable after the completion of the evaluation, the State will:

- a. Issue an award notice for those offers accepted by the State;
- b. Return all bond securities to those who have not been issued an award notice.

All bid security from contractors who have been issued an award notice shall be held until the successful execution of all required contractual documents and bonds (performance bond, insurance, etc. If the contractor fails to execute the required contractual documents and bonds within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of award notice, the contractor may be found in default and the contract terminated by the State. In case of default, the State reserves all rights inclusive of, but not limited to, the right to purchase material and/or to complete the required work in accordance with the New Jersey Administrative Code and to recover any actual excess costs from the contractor. Collection against the bid security shall be one of the measures available toward the recovery of any excess costs.

- b. Performance Security If performance security is required, the successful bidder shall furnish performance security in such amount on any award of a term contractor line item purchase, see N.J.A.C. 17: 12- 2.5. Acceptable forms of performance security are as follows:
  - 1. The contractor shall be required to furnish an irrevocable security in the amount listed in the Request for Proposal payable to the Treasurer, State of New Jersey, binding the contractor to provide faithful performance of the contract.
  - 2. The performance security shall be in the form of a properly executed individual or annual performance bond issued by an insurance or security company authorized to do business in the State of New Jersey, a certified or cashier's check drawn to the order of the Treasurer, State of New Jersey, or an irrevocable letter of credit drawn naming the Treasurer, State of New Jersey as beneficiary issued by a federally insured financial institution.

The Performance Security must be submitted to the State within 30 days of the effective date of the contract award and cover the period of the contract and any extensions thereof. Failure to submit performance security may result in cancellation of contract for cause pursuant to provision 3.5b,1, and nonpayment for work performed.

3.4 <u>VENDOR RIGHT TO PROTEST - INTENT TO AWARD</u> - Except in cases of emergency, bidders have the right to protest the Director's proposed award of the contract as announced in the Notice of Intent to Award, see N.J.A.C. 17:12-3.3. Unless otherwise stated, a bidder's protest must be submitted to the Director within 10 working days after receipt of written notification that his bid has not been accepted or that an award of contract has been made. In the public interest, the Director may shorten this protest period, but shall provide at least 48 hours for bidders to respond to a proposed award. In cases of emergency, stated in the record, the Director may waive the appeal period. See N.J.A.C. 17: 12- 3 et seq.

#### 3.5 TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

a. Change of Circumstances

Where circumstances and/or the needs of the State significantly change, or the contract is otherwise deemed no longer to be in the public interest, the Director may terminate a contract entered into as a result of this Request for Proposal, upon no less than 30 days notice to the contractor with an opportunity to respond.

In the event of such termination, the contractor shall furnish to the using agency, free of charge, such reports as may be required,

#### b. For cause:

- Where a contractor fails to perform or comply with a contract, and/or fails to comply with the complaints procedure in N.J.A.C. 17: 12-4.2 et seq., the Director may terminate the contract upon 10 days notice to the contractor with an opportunity to respond.
- 2. Where a contractor continues to perform a contract poorly as demonstrated by formal complaints, late delivery, poor performance of service, short-shipping etc., so that the Director is repeatedly required to use the complaints procedure in N.J.A.C. 17:12-4.2 et seq. the Director may terminate the contract upon 10 days notice to the contractor with an opportunity to respond.
- In cases of emergency the Director may shorten the time periods of notification and may dispense with an opportunity to respond.
- d. In the event of termination under this section, the contractor will be compensated for work performed in accordance with the contract, up to the date of termination. Such compensation may be subject to adjustments.
- 3.6 <u>COMPLAINTS</u> Where a bidder has a history of performance problems as demonstrated by formal complaints and/or contract cancellations for cause pursuant to 3.5b a bidder may be bypassed for this award. See N.J.A.C. 17:12-2.8.

- 3.7 EXTENSION OF CONTRACT QUASI-STATE AGENCIES It is understood and agreed that in addition to State Agencies, Quasi-State Agencies may also participate in this contract. Quasi-State Agencies are defined in N.J.S.A. 52:27B-56.1 as any agency, commission, board, authority or other such governmental entity which is established and is allocated to a State department or any bi-state governmental entity of which the State of New Jersey is a member.
- 3.8 EXTENSION OF CONTRACTS TO POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND FIRST AID SQUADS, AND INDEPENDENT INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER EDUCATION N.J.S.A. 52:25-16.1 permits counties, municipalities and school districts to participate in any term contract(s), that may be established as a result of this proposal.
  - N.J.S.A. 52:25-16.2 permits volunteer fire departments, volunteer first aid squads and rescue squads to participate in any term contract(s) that may be established as a result of this proposal.
  - N.J.S.A. 52:25-16.5 permits independent institutions of higher education to participate in any term contract(s) that may be established as a result of this proposal, provided that each purchase by the Independent Institution of higher education shall have a minimum cost of \$500.

In order for the State contract to be extended to counties, municipalities, school districts, volunteer fire departments, first aid squads and independent institutions of higher education the bidder must agree to the extension and so state in his bid. proposal. The extension to counties municipalities, school districts, volunteer fire departments, first aid squads and Independent Institutions of higher education must 'be under the same terms and conditions, including price, applicable to the State.

- 3.9 EXTENSIONS OF CONTRACTS TO COUNTY COLLEGES N.J.S.A. 18A:64A 25. 9 permits any college to participate in any term contract(s) that may be established as a result of this proposal.
- 3.10 EXTENSIONS OF CONTRACTS TO STATE COLLEGES N.J.S.A. 18A:64- 60 permits any State College to participate in any term contract(s) that may be established as a result of this proposal.
- 3.11 <u>SUBCONTRACTING OR ASSIGNMENT</u> The contract may not be subcontracted or assigned by the contractor, in whole or in part, without the prior written consent of the Director of the Division of Purchase and Property. Such consent, if granted, shall not relieve the contractor of any of his responsibilities under the contract.

In the event the bidder proposes to subcontract for the services to be performed under .the terms of the contract award, he shall state so in his bid and attach for approval a list of said subcontractors and an Itemization of the products and/or services to be supplied by them.

Nothing contained in the specifications shall be construed as creating any contractual relationship between any subcontractor and the State.

- **3.12** MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS If, subsequent to the award of any contract resulting from this Request for Proposal, the contractor shall merge with or be acquired by another firm, the following documents must be submitted to the Director, Division of Purchase & Property.
  - a. Corporate resolutions prepared by the awarded contractor and new entity ratifying acceptance of the original contract, terms, conditions and prices.
  - b. State of New Jersey Bidders Application reflecting all updated information including ownership disclosure, pursuant to provision 1.5.
  - c. Vendor Federal Employer Identification Number.

The documents must be submitted within thirty (30) days of completion of the merger or acquisition. Failure to do so may result in termination of contract pursuant to provision 3.5b.

If subsequent to the award of any contract resulting from this Request for Proposal, the contractor's partnership or corporation shall dissolve, the Director, Division of Purchase & Property must be so notified. All responsible parties of the dissolved partnership or corporation must submit to the Director in writing, the names of the parties proposed to perform the contract, and the names of the parties to whom payment should be made. No payment should be made until all parties to the dissolved partnership or corporation submit the required documents to the Director.

- 3.13 PERFORMANCE GUARANTEE OF BIDDER The bidder hereby certifies that:
  - a. The equipment offered is standard new equipment, and is the manufacturer's latest model in production, with parts regularly used for the type of equipment offered; that such parts are all in production and not likely to be discontinued; and that no attachment or part has been substituted or applied contrary to manufacturer's recommendations and standard practice.
  - b. All equipment supplied to the State and operated by electrical current is UL listed where applicable.

- c. All new machines are to be guaranteed as fully operational for the period stated in the Request For Proposal from time of written acceptance by the State. The bidder will render prompt service without charge, regardless of geographic location.
- d. Sufficient quantities of parts necessary for proper service to equipment will be maintained at distribution points and service headquarters.
- e. Trained mechanics are regularly employed to make necessary repairs to equipment in the territory from which the service request might emanate within a 48-hour period or within the time accepted as industry practice.
- f. During the warranty period the contractor shall replace immediately any material which is rejected for failure to meet the requirements of the contract.
- g. All services rendered to the State shall be performed in strict and full accordance with the specifications stated in the contract. The contract shall not be considered complete until final approval by the State's using agency is rendered.
- **3.14** <u>DELIVERY GUARANTEES</u> Deliveries shall be made at such time and in such quantities as ordered in strict accordance with conditions contained in the Request for Proposal.

The contractor shall be responsible for the delivery of material in first class condition to the State's using agency or the purchaser under this contract and in accordance with good commercial practice.

Items delivered must be strictly in accordance with the Request for Proposal.

In the event delivery of goods or services is not made within the number of days stipulated or under the schedule defined in the Request for Proposal, the using agency may be authorized to obtain the material or service from any available source, the difference in price, if any, to be paid by the contractor failing to meet his commitments.

- 3.15 <u>DIRECTOR'S RIGHT OF FINAL BID ACCEPTANCE</u> The Director reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to award in whole or in part if deemed to be in the best interest of the State to do so. The Director shall have authority to award orders or contracts to the vendor or vendors best meeting all specifications and conditions in accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:34-12. Tie bids will be awarded by the Director in accordance with N.J.A.C.17:12-2.1D.
- **3.16 BID ACCEPTANCES AND REJECTIONS** The provisions of N.J.A.C. 17:12-2.9, relating to the Director's right, to waive minor elements of non-compliance with bid specifications and N.J.A.C. 17: 12- 2.2 which defines causes for automatic bid rejection, apply to all proposals and bids.
- 3.17 <u>STATE'S RIGHT TO INSPECT BIDDER'S FACILITIES</u> The State reserves the right to inspect the bidder's establishment before making an award, for the purposes of ascertaining whether the bidder has the necessary facilities for performing the contract.

The State may also consult with clients of the bidder during the evaluation of bids. Such consultation is intended to assist the State in making a contract award which is most advantageous to the State.

- **3.18** STATE'S RIGHT TO REQUEST FURTHER INFORMATION The Director reserves the right to request all information which may assist him or her in making a contract award, including factors necessary to evaluate the, bidder s financial capabilities to perform the contract. Further, the Director reserves the right to request a bidder to explain, in detail, how the bid price was determined.
- 3.19 MAINTENANCE OF RECORDS The contractor shall maintain records for products and/or services delivered against the contract for a period of three (3) years from the date of final payment. Such records shall be made available to the, State upon request for purposes of conducting an audit or for ascertaining information regarding dollar volume or number of transactions.

#### 4. TERMS RELATING TO PRICE QUOTATION

**4.1** PRICE FLUCTUATION DURING CONTRACT - Unless otherwise noted by the State, all prices quoted shall be firm through issuance of contract or purchase order and shall not be subject to increase during the period of the contract.

In the event of a manufacturer's or contractor's price decrease during the contract period, the State shall receive the full benefit of such price reduction on any undelivered purchase order and on any subsequent order placed during the contract period. The Director of Purchase and Property must be notified, in writing, of any price reduction within five (5) days of the effective date.

Failure to report price reductions will result in cancellation of contract for cause, pursuant to provision 3.5b.1.

- **4.2 DELIVERY COSTS** Unless otherwise noted in the Request for Proposal, all prices for items in bid proposals are to be submitted F.O.B. Destination. Proposals submitted other than F.O.B. Destination may not be considered. Regardless of the method of quoting shipments, the contractor shall assume all costs, liability and responsibility for the delivery of merchandise in good condition to the State's using agency or designated purchaser.
  - F.O.B. Destination does not cover "spotting" but does include delivery on the receiving platform of the ordering agency at any destination in the State of New Jersey unless otherwise specified. No additional charges will be allowed for any additional transportation costs resulting from partial shipments made at contractor's convenience when a single shipment is ordered. The weights and measures of the State's using agency receiving the shipment shall govern.
- 4.3 <u>C.O.D. TERMS</u> C.O.D. terms are not acceptable as part of a bid proposal and will be cause for rejection of a bid.
- **4.4** TAX CHARGES The State of New Jersey is exempt from State sales or use taxes and Federal excise taxes. Therefore, price quotations must not include such taxes. The State's Federal Excise Tax Exemption number is 22-75-0050K.
- **PAYMENT TO VENDORS** Payment for goods and/or services purchased by the State will only be made against State Payment Vouchers. The State bill form in duplicate together with the original Bill of Lading, express receipt and other related papers must be sent to the consignee on the date of each delivery. Responsibility for payment rests with the using agency which will ascertain that the contractor has performed in a proper and satisfactory manner in accordance with the terms and conditions of the award. Payment will not be made until the using agency has approved payment.

For every contract the term of which spans more than one fiscal year, the State's obligation to make payment beyond the current fiscal year is contingent upon legislative appropriation and availability of funds.

The State of New Jersey now offers State contractors the opportunity to be paid through the MasterCard procurement card (p-card). A contractor's acceptance and a State Agency's use of the p-card, however, is optional. P-card transactions do not require the submission of either a contractor invoice or a State payment voucher. Purchasing transactions utilizing the p-card will usually result in payment to a contractor in three days. A Contractor should take note that there will be a transaction processing fee for each p-card transaction. To participate, a contractor must be capable of accepting MasterCard. For more information, call your bank or any merchant services company.

4.6 NEW JERSEY PROMPT PAYMENT ACT - The New Jersey Prompt Payment Act N.J.S.A. 52:32-32 et seq. requires state agencies to pay for goods and services within sixty (60) days of the agency's receipt of a properly executed State Payment Voucher or within sixty (60) days of receipt and acceptance of goods and services, whichever is later. Properly executed performance security, when required, must be received by the state prior to processing any payments for goods and services accepted by state agencies. Interest will be paid on delinquent accounts at a rate established by the State Treasurer. Interest will not be paid until it exceeds \$5.00 per properly executed invoice.

Cash discounts and other payment terms included as part of the original agreement are not affected by the Prompt Payment Act.

- **4.7 RECIPROCITY** In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:32-1.4 and N.J.A.C. 17: 12- 2. 13, the State of New Jersey will invoke reciprocal action against an out-of-State bidder whose state or locality maintains a preference practice for their bidders.
- 5. <u>CASH DISCOUNTS</u> Bidders are encouraged to offer cash discounts based on expedited payment by the State. The State will make efforts to take advantage of discounts, but discounts will not be considered in determining the lowest bid.
  - a. Discount periods shall be calculated starting from the next business day after the recipient has accepted the goods or services received a properly signed and executed State Payment Voucher form and, when required, a properly executed performance security, whichever is latest.
  - b. The date on the check issued by the State in payment of that Voucher shall be deemed the date of the State's response to that Voucher.
- 6. STANDARDS PROHIBITING CONFLICTS OF INTEREST The following prohibitions on vendor activities shall apply to all contracts or purchase agreements made with the State of New Jersey, pursuant to Executive Order No. 189 (1988).
  - a. No vendor shall pay, offer to pay, or agree to pay, either directly or indirectly, any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity, or other thing of value of any kind to any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13b and e., in the Department of the Treasury or any other agency with which such vendor transacts or offers or proposes to transact business, or to any member of the immediate family, as defined by N.J.S.A. 52:13D-13i., of any such officer or employee, or partnership, firm or corporation with which they are employed or associated, or in which such officer or employee has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52: 13D-13g.
  - b. The solicitation of any fee, commission, compensation, gift, gratuity or other thing of value by any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee from any State vendor shall be reported in writing forthwith by the vendor to the Attorney General and the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards.

- c. No vendor may, directly or indirectly, undertake any private business, commercial or entrepreneurial relationship with, whether or not pursuant to employment, contract or other agreement, express or implied, or sell any interest in such vendor to, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee having any duties or responsibilities in connection with the purchase, acquisition or sale of any property or services by or to any State agency or any instrumentality thereof, or with any person, firm or entity with which he is employed or associated or in which he has an interest within the meaning of N.J.S.A. 52: 130-13g. Any relationships subject to this provision shall be reported in writing forthwith to the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards, which may grant a waiver of this restriction upon application of the State officer or employee or special State officer or employee upon a finding that the present or proposed relationship does not present the potential, actuality or appearance of a conflict of interest.
- d. No vendor shall influence, or attempt to influence or cause to be influenced, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee in his official capacity in any manner which might tend to impair the objectivity or independence of judgment of said officer or employee.
- e. No vendor shall cause or influence, or attempt to cause or influence, any State officer or employee or special State officer or employee to use, or attempt to use, his official position to secure unwarranted privileges or advantages for the vendor or any other person.
- f. The provisions cited above in paragraph 6a through 6e shall not be construed to prohibit a State officer or employee or Special State officer or employee from receiving gifts from or contracting with vendors under the same terms and conditions as are offered or made available to members of the general public subject to any guidelines the Executive Commission on Ethical Standards may promulgate under paragraph 6c.

#### **APPENDIX 2 - SET-OFF FOR STATE TAX NOTICE**

## NOTICE TO ALL BIDDERS SET-OFF FOR STATE TAX NOTICE

Please be advised that, pursuant to <u>P.L.</u> 1995, <u>c.</u> 159, effective January 1, 1996, and notwithstanding any provision of the law to the contrary, whenever any taxpayer, partnership or S corporation under contract to provide goods or services or construction projects to the State of New Jersey or its agencies or instrumentalities, including the legislative and judicial branches of State government, is entitled to payment for those goods or services at the same time a taxpayer, partner or shareholder of that entity is indebted for any State tax, the Director of the Division of Taxation shall seek to set off that taxpayer's or shareholder's share of the payment due the taxpayer, partnership, or S corporation. The amount set off shall not allow for the deduction of any expenses or other deductions which might be attributable to the taxpayer, partner or shareholder subject to set-off under this act.

The Director of the Division of Taxation shall give notice to the set-off to the taxpayer and provide an opportunity for a hearing within 30 days of such notice under the procedures for protests established under R.S. 54:49-18. No requests for conference, protest, or subsequent appeal to the Tax Court from any protest under this section shall stay the collection of the indebtedness. Interest that may be payable by the State, pursuant to <u>P.L.</u> 1987, <u>c.</u>184 (c.52:32-32 <u>et seq.</u>), to the taxpayer shall be stayed.